

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BIO PIRACY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of bio-piracy were detected recently by ICAR officials;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to check bio-piracy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) There is no case of biopiracy detected/reported by the ICAR officials.
- (b) The Question does not arise.

(c) To check bio-piracy, the Govt. of India has enacted the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 which is primarily aimed at regulating access to biological resources and associated traditional knowledge from the country, so as to secure equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use. The Act inter alia provides for prior approval of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) before obtaining any biological resources and associated knowledge from India, and also for applying for any intellectual property rights based on biological resource and associated knowledge from India. The NBA grants approval subject to terms and conditions, which secure equitable sharing of benefits.